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In re Application of

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DECISION ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 14, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed November 15, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from its mailing date. No extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained within the allowable period. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 16, 2006

The amendment filed November 14, 2006, is noted.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2100, GAU 2186 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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